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SUBJECT: GON CABINET BREAKS UP

1. AFTER WEATHERING CRISIS AFTER CRISIS OVER PAST FOUR YEARS,
DUTCH COALITION CABINET FINALLY REACHED END OF ITS STRING
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TODAY WHEN PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL WENT TO SEE QUEEN TO
ANNOUNCE THAT COLLABORATION WAS NO LONGER POSSIBLE. FINAL
STRAW WAS PROGRESSIVE-CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC SPLIT OVER
PROPOSED LAND-USE LEGISLATION (THE HAGUE 1389). FOLLOWING
LATE NIGHT CABINET MEETING MARCH 21 CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (CDA)
LEADER AND JUSTICE MINISTER VAN AGT AND AGRICULTURE
MINISTER VAN DER STEE STOOD FAST IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED

LEGISLATION.

2. WITH NATIONAL ELECTIONS ALREADY SET FOR MAY 25. CABINET BREAK UP IS NOT RPT NOT EXPECTED TO RESULT IN ELECTIONS BEING MOVED FORWARD. TWO POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR CARRYING OUR GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS UNTIL ELECTIONS--ALL CABINET MEMBERS STAY IN PLACE IN CARETAKER STATUS OR PROGRESSIVE MINISTERS REMAIN IN PLACE ALONE. IN EITHER CASE SCOPE FOR ACTION OF LAME-DUCK DUTCH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SEVERELY LIMITED.

3. BREAK UP OF LEFT-CENTER COALITION AT THE END OF ITS NORMAL TERM IN OFFICE WOULD HAVE IMPORTANT CONSEQUENCES FOR FORMATION OF NEXT GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING ELECTIONS. CDA-LABOR PARTY COLLABORATION HAS BEEN SORELY TESTED IN RECENT MONTHS AND, WHILE MOST OF THE PARTY'S LEADERS STILL PROFESS A DESIRE TO RESUME COOPERATION, THE CHANCES FOR A MORE CONSERVATIVE CDA-LIBERAL ALLIANCE HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED. AT THE MOMENT IT IS TOO SOON TO TELL WHAT EFFECT THE SPLIT WILL HAVE ON THE COHESION OF THE CDA WHICH WAS FORGED ONLY RECENTLY OUT OF THREE EXISTING CHRISTIAN PARTIES, BUT THE NEW PARTY HAS BEEN UNDER GREAT STRAIN WITH ITS LIST LEADER VAN AGT CONTINUING HIS ERRATIC COURSE.

4. THE CABINET CRISIS IS LIKELY TO REDUCE SHARPLY THE GON'S ABILITY TO TAKE MAJOR DECISIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. POSSIBLY AFFECTED WILL BE THE DUTCH POSITION AT THE DPC MINISTERIAL MARCH 25 ON AWACS AND ITS ABILITY TO TAKE FIRM POSITIONSON ENLARGEMENT OF THE ALMELO CENTRIFUGE PROJECT AND AT THE ROME MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE LONDON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. DETAILS AND ANALYSIS WILL BE REPORTED IN SEPTELS.
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